

## Rauschenberg Dancer Emergency Grants - Communications Toolkit September 2024

### Calendar Listings:

Rauschenberg Dancer Emergency Grants Cycle 15:  
Opens September 10, 2024; deadline 5PM ET October 8, 2024

Rauschenberg Dancer Emergency Grants Cycle 16:  
Opens November 12, 2024; deadline 5PM ET December 10, 2024

Rauschenberg Dancer Emergency Grants Cycle 17:  
Opens November January 14, 2025; deadline 5PM ET February 11, 2025.

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### Newsletter Blurb: Short

#### **National Emergency Grants Program for Dancers - Deadline October 8, 2024.**

Are you a dancer anywhere in the US in dire financial emergency? Have you recently lost engagements, or been ill or injured? You may be eligible for a one-time Rauschenberg Dancer Emergency Grant of up to \$3,000. **Cycle 15 is open through October 8** for essential expenses including rent, utilities, medicine/healthcare, and food. This national program is administered by New York Foundation for the Arts and funded by Robert Rauschenberg Foundation. Privacy is guaranteed. [Please click here for details](#). Learn more in [this recorded information session](#). Additionally, the Rauschenberg Medical Emergency Grants support choreographers with recent, unexpected medical, dental or mental health emergency expenses. **Cycle 26 is open through October 1** for emergencies that took place February 1, 2024 and after. Both programs continue with bimonthly cycles through June 2025.

### Newsletter Blurb: Long

#### **National Emergency Grants Program for Dancers - Deadline October 8, 2024**

“The support is very helpful & meaningful for me. A life in art is a winding road.” (RDEG grantee)  
Are you a dancer living anywhere in the US in dire financial emergency? If you’re paid for your work, you may be eligible for a one-time grant of up to \$3,000. Dancers must demonstrate an urgent and critical need for emergency support in order to apply, due to a lack or loss of recent performance work due to circumstances outside of your control. This can include canceled performances, delayed tours, or illness or injury. You do NOT need to work as a dancer full time or earn your primary income through dance. Dire financial emergencies include the lack or imminent endangerment of essentials such as rent and utilities, medicine/healthcare, food, and transportation. **Applicants’ private information stays private.** **Cycle 15** of the Rauschenberg Dancer Emergency Grants program closes 5PM ET on October 8. It is administered by New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA), and funded by Robert Rauschenberg Foundation. [Please](#)

[click here for details](#), and learn more in [this recorded information session](#). Additionally, the Rauschenberg Medical Emergency Grants support choreographers (as well as visual and film/media/digital/electronic artists) with recent, unexpected medical, dental or mental health emergency expenses. **RMEG Cycle 26 is open through October 1 for emergencies that occurred February 1, 2024 and after.** [Please click here for details](#). Both programs continue with bimonthly cycles through June 2025.

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## Email

### *Subject Line*

National Emergency Grants Program for Dancers

Hello,

New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA), in partnership with the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation, has announced new cycles of the [Rauschenberg Dancer Emergency Grants](#) program, which provides one-time grants of up to \$3,000 to professional dancers in need who have a dire financial emergency. Cycle 13 is open July 2 through July 30. You must demonstrate an urgent and critical need for emergency support in order to apply. You can live anywhere in the US, and your paid dance work does not need to be full time, or your primary source of income.

“The support is very helpful & meaningful for me. A life in art is a winding road.” (Previous RDEG grantee)

Dire financial emergencies include the lack or imminent endangerment of essentials such as rent/utilities, transportation, medicine/healthcare, and food, due to a loss or lack of performance work because of circumstances outside of your control such as canceled performances, or illness or injury. You can request funding for eligible expenses for up to a three-month period, ranging from six months before the grant deadline through six months after the grant deadline.

To be eligible, your average adjusted gross income for the last two years you’ve filed tax returns must be no greater than \$75,000 (\$150,000 for joint filers). You must also demonstrate sustained activity as a paid dancer in public-facing performances over the last five years (inactivity, or online/streamed activity, during the COVID period is acceptable).

## **CYCLE 13**

For emergency expenses between January 1, and December 31, 2024.  
Applications Close: July 30, 2024, 5:00 PM EDT

Additional bimonthly cycles will continue through June, 2025.

Additionally, the Rauschenberg Medical Emergency Grants support choreographers (as well as visual and film/media/digital/electronic artists) with recent, unexpected medical, dental or mental health emergency expenses. Cycle 25 is open through July 30 for emergencies that occurred December 1, 2023 and later. [Please click here for details](#) and [register here](#) for the online information session on July 30, 3:00-4:00PM ET. Both programs continue with bimonthly cycles through June 2025.

**We encourage you to share with members of your creative community.**

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Rauschenberg Grants Coordinator at [emergencyfunds@nyfa.org](mailto:emergencyfunds@nyfa.org) or 212-366-6900 x 239.

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### Social Media

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Image: Detail of a black and white photograph by Robert Rauschenberg featuring dancers from Merce Cunningham's company in various stages of movement wearing all black. There is also text that reads: "Rauschenberg Dancer Emergency Grants, Up to \$3,000 to Professional Dancers in Need"

#### *Twitter*

Are you a dancer in dire financial emergency? You may be eligible for a grant of up to \$3,000. More on this national program, administered by @nyfacurrent & supported by @RRauschenberg: <https://bit.ly/3BaUhgf>

Are you a dancer who is having trouble paying for essential expenses including rent, food, transportation, & health care? You may be eligible for a grant of up to \$3,000. More on this national program, presented by @nyfacurrent & @RRauschenberg <https://bit.ly/3BaUhgf>

Professional dancers in the U.S. & U.S. Territories: if you're in dire financial need, you may be eligible for up to \$3,000 to help pay for essential expenses. @nyfacurrent & @RRauschenberg program details: <https://bit.ly/3BaUhgf>

#### *Instagram*

Are you a dancer living in the U.S. or U.S. Territories? Are you experiencing dire financial emergency? You may be eligible for a one-time grant of up to \$3,000, which can help pay for essential expenses including rent, food, transportation, & healthcare.

The Rauschenberg Dancer Emergency Grants program is administered by @nyfacurrent and funded by @rauschenbergfoundation. Full details at [nyfa.org/RDEG](https://nyfa.org/RDEG).

Image Detail: Robert Rauschenberg, "Untitled [Cunningham dancers]," 1961, Copyright Robert Rauschenberg Foundation

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### *Facebook*

Are you a dancer living in the U.S. or U.S. Territories in dire financial emergency?

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More on The Rauschenberg Dancer Emergency Grants program, administered by @nyfacurrent and supported by @rauschenbergfoundation, here: <https://bit.ly/3BaUhgf>

### *LinkedIn*

Are you a dancer living in the U.S. or U.S. Territories in dire financial emergency?

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More on The Rauschenberg Dancer Emergency Grants program, administered by @new york foundation for the arts and supported by @robert rauschenberg foundation, here: <https://bit.ly/3BaUhgf>